# Senate Bill 472

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST (at the request of Ted Campbell) (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Prohibits caller from purchasing or obtaining for valuable consideration list or compilation of telephone numbers for purpose of making unsolicited call to subscriber and from making, or using automatic dialing and announcing device to make, unsolicited call to subscriber using telephone number that caller obtained from list or compilation of telephone numbers that other person sold or otherwise transferred, for valuable consideration, to caller.

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to unsolicited telephone calls; amending ORS 646.608, 646A.370, 646A.372 and 646A.376. 2

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon: 3

SECTION 1. ORS 646A.370 is amended to read: 4

646A.370. As used in ORS 646A.370 to 646A.374: 5

(1) "Automatic dialing and announcing device" means an automated device that selects and dials 6 7 telephone numbers and that, working alone or in conjunction with another device, disseminates a

8 prerecorded or synthesized voice message to the telephone number that the device calls.

9 (2) "Call" means an attempt made to contact or a contact made with a subscriber by means of 10 a telephone or telephone line.

(3) "Caller" means a person that attempts to contact or that contacts a subscriber by using a 11 12 telephone or telephone line.

13 (4) "Caller identification service" means a telephone service that permits subscribers to see a caller's telephone number before answering the telephone. 14

(5) "Debt buyer" means a person that engages in the business of purchasing delinquent or 15 charged-off debt for the purpose of collecting the debt. 16

(6) "Established business relationship" means a previous transaction or series of transactions 17 between a caller and a subscriber that occurred within the 18 months preceding a call. 18

(7) "Subscriber" means an individual who has obtained residential or wireless telephone services 19 20 from a telecommunications provider, or a person who resides with the individual.

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(8)(a) "Unsolicited call" means contact with or an attempt to contact, by means of a telephone or telephone line, a subscriber who did not affirmatively invite the contact. 22

(b) "Unsolicited call" does not include a call that a caller makes as the result of, or in

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furtherance of, an established business relationship.

SECTION 2. ORS 646A.372 is amended to read: 25

646A.372. (1)(a) A caller may not use an automatic dialing and announcing device in order to 26 27 call a subscriber unless:

28 (A) The device is designed and operated so as to disconnect within 10 seconds after the sub-29 scriber terminates the call; and

(B) The device provides, and the prerecorded or synthesized voice message that the device plays 30

caller that the subscriber does not want to receive any future calls from the caller. 3 (b) Paragraph (a)(B) of this subsection does not apply to a caller that: 4 (A) Is a collection agency, as defined in ORS 697.005, a debt buyer or a debt collector, as defined 5 in ORS 646.639; 6 (B) Is a representative of a public safety or law enforcement agency; or 7 (C) Has an established business relationship with the subscriber. 8 9 (2) A caller may not use an automatic dialing and announcing device to make a call unless the range of telephone numbers from which the device chooses the number to dial does not include 10 numbers for: 11 12(a) Fire protection, law enforcement or other emergency agencies; 13 (b) Hospital and health care facilities, physician's offices, poison control centers or suicide prevention or domestic violence counseling services; and 14 15 (c) Subscribers who used the method described in subsection (1)(a)(B) of this section to notify the caller that the subscribers do not want to receive any future calls from the caller. 16 (3) Subsection (2)(c) of this section does not apply to a caller that: 17 18 (a) Is a collection agency, as defined in ORS 697.005, a debt buyer or a debt collector, as defined in ORS 646.639; 19 20 (b) Is a representative of a public safety or law enforcement agency; or 21(c) Has an established business relationship with the subscriber. 22(4)(a) A caller may not use an automatic dialing and announcing device that dials telephone numbers randomly or sequentially unless the range of telephone numbers from which the device 23chooses the number to dial does not include numbers for subscribers who appear on an official list 94 that a government agency compiled for the purpose of informing potential callers that the sub-25scribers do not want to receive telephone solicitations. 2627(b) Paragraph (a) of this subsection does not apply to a caller that: (A) Has an established business relationship with the subscriber; 28(B) Is a debt buyer or is subject to regulation under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 2930 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.; 31 (C) Is a representative of a public safety or law enforcement agency; or (D) Is a representative of a school district or school if the subscriber is an employee of the 32school district, a student or the student's parent, guardian or other family member. 33 34 (5) A caller that uses an automatic dialing and announcing device may use the device to call a subscriber only between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. 35(6) A caller may not: 36 37 (a) Purchase or obtain for valuable consideration a list or compilation of telephone

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describes, a method by which a subscriber, within the first 10 seconds after a call begins, may enter

a single dual-tone multifrequency signal or otherwise enter or speak a one-digit code to notify the

(b) Make, or use an automatic dialing and announcing device to make, an unsolicited call
to a subscriber using a telephone number that the caller obtained from a list or compilation
of telephone numbers that another person sold or otherwise transferred, for valuable consideration, to the caller.

numbers for the purpose of making an unsolicited call to a subscriber; or

43 **SECTION 3.** ORS 646A.376 is amended to read:

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44 646A.376. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, violation of ORS 646A.372 45 or 646A.374 is an unlawful trade practice that is subject to investigation under ORS 646.618 and is

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32(L) Makes false or misleading representations relating to commissions or other compensation to 33 34 be paid in exchange for permitting real estate, goods or services to be used for model or demon-35stration purposes or in exchange for submitting names of potential customers.

(m) Performs service on or dismantles any goods or real estate if the owner or apparent owner 36 37 of the goods or real estate does not authorize the service or dismantling.

(n) Solicits potential customers by telephone or door to door as a seller unless the person pro-38 vides the information required under ORS 646.611. 39

(o) In a sale, rental or other disposition of real estate, goods or services, gives or offers to give 40 a rebate or discount or otherwise pays or offers to pay value to the customer in consideration of 41 the customer giving to the person the names of prospective purchasers, lessees, or borrowers, or 42 otherwise aiding the person in making a sale, lease, or loan to another person, if earning the rebate, 43 discount or other value is contingent upon an event occurring after the time the customer enters 44 into the transaction. 45

(p) Makes any false or misleading statement about a prize, contest or promotion used to publi-1 cize a product, business or service. 2 (q) Promises to deliver real estate, goods or services within a certain period of time with intent 3 not to deliver the real estate, goods or services as promised. 4 (r) Organizes or induces or attempts to induce membership in a pyramid club. 5 (s) Makes false or misleading representations of fact concerning the offering price of, or the 6 person's cost for real estate, goods or services. 7 (t) Concurrent with tender or delivery of any real estate, goods or services fails to disclose any 8 9 known material defect or material nonconformity. (u) Engages in any other unfair or deceptive conduct in trade or commerce. 10 (v) Violates any of the provisions relating to auction sales, consignment sales, auctioneers, 11 12 consignees or auction marts under ORS 698.640, whether in a commercial or noncommercial situ-13 ation. (w) Manufactures mercury fever thermometers. 14 15 (x) Sells or supplies mercury fever thermometers unless the thermometer is required by federal law, or is: 16 (A) Prescribed by a person licensed under ORS chapter 677; and 17 18 (B) Supplied with instructions on the careful handling of the thermometer to avoid breakage and on the proper cleanup of mercury should breakage occur. 19 (y) Sells a thermostat that contains mercury unless the thermostat is labeled in a manner to 20inform the purchaser that mercury is present in the thermostat and that the thermostat may not be 2122disposed of until the mercury is removed, reused, recycled or otherwise managed to ensure that the mercury does not become part of the solid waste stream or wastewater. For purposes of this para-23graph, "thermostat" means a device commonly used to sense and, through electrical communication 94 with heating, cooling or ventilation equipment, control room temperature. 25(z) Sells or offers for sale a motor vehicle manufactured after January 1, 2006, that contains 2627mercury light switches. (aa) Violates the provisions of ORS 803.375, 803.385 or 815.410 to 815.430. 28

- 29 (bb) Violates ORS 646A.070 (1).
- 30 (cc) Violates any requirement of ORS 646A.030 to 646A.040.
- 31 (dd) Violates the provisions of ORS 128.801 to 128.898.
- 32 (ee) Violates ORS 646.883 or 646.885.
- 33 (ff) Violates ORS 646.569.
- 34 (gg) Violates the provisions of ORS 646A.142.
- 35 (hh) Violates ORS 646A.360.
- 36 (ii) Violates ORS 646.553 or 646.557 or any rule adopted pursuant thereto.
- 37 (jj) Violates ORS 646.563.
- 38 (kk) Violates ORS 759.680 or any rule adopted pursuant thereto.
- 39 (LL) Violates the provisions of ORS 759.705, 759.710 and 759.720 or any rule adopted pursuant
- 40 thereto.
- 41 (mm) Violates ORS 646A.210 or 646A.214.
- 42 (nn) Violates any provision of ORS 646A.124 to 646A.134.
- 43 (oo) Violates ORS 646A.095.
- 44 (pp) Violates ORS 822.046.
- 45 (qq) Violates ORS 128.001.

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(rr) Violates ORS 646A.800 (2) to (4). 1 (ss) Violates ORS 646A.090 (2) to (5). 2 (tt) Violates ORS 87.686. 3 (uu) Violates ORS 646A.803. 4 (vv) Violates ORS 646A.362. 5 (ww) Violates ORS 646A.052 or any rule adopted under ORS 646A.052 or 646A.054. 6 (xx) Violates ORS 180.440 (1) or 180.486 (1). 7 (yy) Commits the offense of acting as a vehicle dealer without a certificate under ORS 822.005. 8 (zz) Violates ORS 87.007 (2) or (3). g (aaa) Violates ORS 92.405 (1), (2) or (3). 10 (bbb) Engages in an unlawful practice under ORS 646.648. 11 12 (ccc) Violates ORS 646A.365. (ddd) Violates ORS 98.853, 98.854, 98.856 or 98.858 or a rule adopted under ORS 98.864. 13 (eee) Sells a gift card in violation of ORS 646A.276. 14 15 (fff) Violates ORS 646A.102, 646A.106 or 646A.108. (ggg) Violates ORS 646A.430 to 646A.450. 16 (hhh) Violates a provision of ORS 744.318 to 744.384 17 18 (iii) Violates a provision of ORS 646A.702 to 646A.720. (jjj) Violates ORS 646A.530 30 or more days after a recall notice, warning or declaration de-19 scribed in ORS 646A.530 is issued for the children's product, as defined in ORS 646A.525, that is the 20subject of the violation. 2122(kkk) Violates a provision of ORS 697.612, 697.642, 697.652, 697.662, 697.682, 697.692 or 697.707. 23(LLL) Violates the consumer protection provisions of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. 501 et seq., as in effect on January 1, 2010. 24 (mmm) Violates a provision of ORS 646A.480 to 646A.495. 25(nnn) Violates ORS 646A.082. 26(000) Violates ORS 646.647. 27(ppp) Violates ORS 646A.115. 28(qqq) Violates a provision of ORS 646A.405. 2930 (rrr) Violates ORS 646A.092. 31 (sss) Violates a provision of ORS 646.644. (ttt) Violates a provision of ORS 646A.295. 32(uuu) Violates ORS 646A.564. 33 34 (vvv) Engages in the business of, or acts in the capacity of, an immigration consultant, as defined in ORS 9.280, in this state and for compensation, unless federal law authorizes the person to 35do so or unless the person is an active member of the Oregon State Bar. 36 37 (www) Violates ORS 702.012, 702.029 or 702.054. (xxx) Violates ORS 646A.806. 38 (yyy) Violates ORS 646A.810 (2). 39 (zzz) Violates a provision of sections 1 to 7, chapter 523, Oregon Laws 2015. 40 (aaaa) Violates ORS 443.376. 41 (bbbb) Violates ORS 646A.372 (6). 42 (2) A representation under subsection (1) of this section or ORS 646.607 may be any manifesta-43 tion of any assertion by words or conduct, including, but not limited to, a failure to disclose a fact. 44 (3) In order to prevail in an action or suit under ORS 336.184 and 646.605 to 646.652, a prose-45

cuting attorney need not prove competition between the parties or actual confusion or misunderstanding. (4) An action or suit may not be brought under subsection (1)(u) of this section unless the Attorney General has first established a rule in accordance with the provisions of ORS chapter 183 declaring the conduct to be unfair or deceptive in trade or commerce. (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 336.184 and 646.605 to 646.652, if an action or suit is brought under subsection (1)(xx) of this section by a person other than a prosecuting attorney, relief is limited to an injunction and the prevailing party may be awarded reasonable attorney fees.

SECTION 5. ORS 646.608, as amended by section 10, chapter 523, Oregon Laws 2015, section 10 15, chapter 113, Oregon Laws 2017, section 3, chapter 241, Oregon Laws 2017, section 16, chapter 11 12 480, Oregon Laws 2017, and section 6, chapter 656, Oregon Laws 2017, is amended to read:

13 646.608. (1) A person engages in an unlawful practice if in the course of the person's business, vocation or occupation the person does any of the following: 14

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(a) Passes off real estate, goods or services as the real estate, goods or services of another.

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18 (c) Causes likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding as to affiliation, connection, or association with, or certification by, another. 19

(d) Uses deceptive representations or designations of geographic origin in connection with real 2021estate, goods or services.

22(e) Represents that real estate, goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, quantities or qualities that the real estate, goods or services do not have 23or that a person has a sponsorship, approval, status, qualification, affiliation, or connection that the 24 person does not have. 25

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31 (h) Disparages the real estate, goods, services, property or business of a customer or another 32by false or misleading representations of fact.

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